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City of Falls Church Announces Grand Marshall of 2005 Memorial Day Parade and Festival

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – The City of Falls Church Recreation & Parks Division is proud to announce Kenneth R. Burnett as the 2005 Grand Marshall of the City's 24th Annual Memorial Day Parade and Festival on Monday, May 30, 2005.

Burnett served as the first full-time director of the City's Recreation & Parks Division for 28 years, from 1962 until his retirement in 1990. Under his leadership, the Recreation & Parks Division grew from a part-time operation with one park to a network of nine parks, the Cherry Hill Farmhouse and grounds, several playing fields, 10 tennis courts, the Senior Center, and a bicycle trail. He also instituted hundreds of year-round craft and hobby classes, sports leagues, special activities, seasonal fairs, and contributed to the planning of the City's Community Center which serves as a vital meeting and activity center for the community as well as recreational activities.

You can catch Burnett in his Grand Marshall duties as he leads the City's 24th Annual Memorial Day Parade and Festival on Monday, May 30, 2005. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Falls Church City Hall grounds, located at 300 Park Ave., Falls Church, Virginia, 22046.

Food vendors, crafters, businesses and civic organizations line the streets, while live entertainment performs on stage. Festivities include a 5K run, a Memorial Day Veterans Ceremony, and amusement rides among other exciting activities.

For more information, please call 703-248-5077.

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